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CONGRESSMAN DAVID WU RESPONDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Wu encouraged by focus on education

Congressman Wu: "I am pleased that the president has emphasized education. I look forward to working with the administration on policies that will help address the challenges facing our nation's schools. I am also committed to building on the successes of the last Congress. For instance, reducing class size in the early grades is not only my top priority, it is something that is working in Oregon. Teachers have started to show up in schools and students in those schools are getting more attention as a result.

"I am concerned with the president's voucher proposal and cannot support diverting public funds to private schools. I am committed to working with the administration to insure accountability without taking resources from public schools.

"I am supportive of some form of tax relief and will support proposals that offer a fiscally responsible, common sense approach. While our surplus belongs to the American people, so does our debt. I believe in taking a three-pronged approach by offering meaningful, fair tax relief, paying down our national debt and finding common ground to address some of the challenges facing our schools.

"I look forward to working with this administration to make sure that every child has access to quality schools and that students are afforded an opportunity to attend colleges and universities. That is not only common sense but it is fiscally responsible."

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